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## **Snow Removal on Town of Union and County Roads**

The Town of Union contracts annually with Eau Claire County Highway Dept to maintain snow removal on Town of Union roads. EC Cty Hwy Department maintains snow removal on County roads within the Town.

Plowing for the Township follows the same rules as the County system:

Snow removal after 2 or more inches of accumulation;

Standard business hours are 4:00am – 6:00pm, Monday – Thursday

During non-standard business hours, with 2" or more accumulation, EC Cty Hwy Department will ensure all roadways are open and passable; snow clean up and pushing back will resume Monday – Thursday from 6:00am – 4:00pm. Overtime is charged to the Town during non-standard business hours.

### **Replacement of Damaged Mailboxes**

The Eau Claire County Highway Dept will not repair or replace mailboxes that are damaged due to snow removal.

#### **Mailboxes**

Mailboxes are the only structure that private owners are permitted to install within the public right-of-way.

Neither the Eau Claire County Highway Department nor U.S. Postal Service issue written permits for the placement of mailboxes within the public right-of-way.

### **Ownership and Liability**

The mailbox installation and support, along with the on-going maintenance and conformity with current U.S. Postal Service standards, are the responsibility of the property owner. All mailboxes placed within the public right-of-way are owned by the property owner and are placed there at the owner's risk. This section of the manual is not intended to and shall not be construed to create any affirmative duty on the part of the Eau Claire County Highway Department to locate and remove improperly installed mailboxes.

### **Location and Installation of Mailboxes**

The proper location and installation of mailboxes can minimize potential hazards and provide for safe travel, convenient mail delivery, and effectively accommodate maintenance activities. Mailboxes should be located on the right-hand side of the road in the carrier's travel direction and should be conveniently placed so the carrier does not have to leave the vehicle to deliver the mail. All mailboxes should be mounted at a height of 42 to 48 inches from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox. The U.S. Postal Service recommends that property owners contact the postmaster or carrier before erecting or replacing mailboxes and supports as installation recommendations may vary due to road, shoulder, and curb conditions.

Mailbox supports must be designed so that if struck, it will bend or fall away from the striking vehicle to prevent severe damage to the vehicle or injury to the traveling public. Massive supports such as telephone poles, heavy metal posts, concrete posts, antique farm equipment, or other similar items are prohibited. No other objects, including, but not limited to, landscaping boulders or fences may be placed near the mailbox. If possible, all newspaper tubes and mailboxes shall be placed on the same post to avoid unnecessary posts within the public right-of-way. The following illustrates examples of unacceptable mailbox installations and supports:

- Mailboxes or supports that encroach upon the travel way or shoulder of a roadway.
- Installations with more than one vertical support.
- A single support containing more than two mailboxes unless specifically approved by the Highway Dept.
- A support using unsafe materials stronger than a wooden 4 x 4-inch post, or a 2-inch diameter metal pipe that weighs more than three (3) pounds per lineal foot.
- A mailbox that is not U.S. Postal Service approved.
- Adjacent mailbox installations whose respective supports are spaced closer than 30 inches, measured from center of support to center of support.
- Any neighborhood delivery or collection box units.